reposed in me by His Highness the Maha Raja and it shall be my endeavour to b always worthy of that confidence. I was connected with the Madras Legislativ Council for seven years and had experience of its working both under the old ar the new Regulations. For the past four years I have been a Member of this Counc The experience I have thus gained here and elsewhere will, I believe, be of help me in my work as President of this Council. I thank you, gentlemen, for the a surance given me that I shall have your cordial co-operation, and I wish that I ma with such co-operation, be enabled to do some substantial work during my term office as President of the Council."

THE PATENTS AND DESIGNS BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer presented the report of the Select Committee on the Patents and Designs Bill, and moved that the report and the Bill be taken up for considera-tion.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Section 27, sub-section 2.

Mr. Parameswara Menon proposed that the words "or Anchal" be inserted after "post" in line 2, with a view to make the provision relating to the service of notices clear.

Seconded by Mr. Kesava Pillai.

Carried.

Section 72.

Mr. Parameswara Menon moved that the words "or Anchal" be added after the word "post" at the end of the Section, in accordance with the amendment already carried.

Seconded by Mr. Subba Iyer.

Carried.

Section 74.

Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer moved that the words "shall be signed and verified, in the manner prescribed, by the person making such applications or giving such notices" occurring at the end of clause 7, be made a separate para, as it applied to all the clauses of the Section.

Seconded by Mr. Sesha Iyer.

Carried.

Section 76, sub-section 1.

Mr. Vieyra proposed that the words "with Our sanction" be inserted between the words "may" and "make" in line 1 of the sub-section.

Seconded by Mr. Subba Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Iyer then moved that the Bill, as amended by the Council, be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE INSOLVENCY BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer presented the report of the Select Committee on the Insolvency Bill and moved that the report, with the Bill, be taken up for considera-tion by the Council.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Section 27, sub-section 3.

Mr. Parameswara Menon moved that the word "not" be inserted between the words "debt" and "provable" in the last line, in order that the wording might convey the meaning intended.

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Seconded by Mr. Sesha Iyer.

Carried.

Section 52.

The President observed that this Section gave power to the Government to exempt any part of Travancore from the operation of certain provisions of the Regu[illegible]on. He said that, unlike British India, the conditions of the people in all parts of Travancore were, more or less, similar, and that he therefore doubted the [illegible] such a provision for a country like Travancore.

Mr. Subba Iyer accordingly moved that Section 52 be omitted and that the [illegible]ding Section be numbered as 52.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Kesava Pillai moved that the following Section of the draft Bill which was omitted by the Select Committee, be inserted as Section 52.

"(1) An undischarged insolvent obtaining credit to the extent of fifty rupees or upwards from any person without informing such person that he is an undischarged insolvent, shall, on conviction by a Magistrate, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

Undischarged insolvent obtaining credit.

(2) When the Court has reason to believe that an undischarged insolvent has committed the offence referred to in sub-section (1), the Court, after making any preliminary enquiry that may be necessary, may send the case for trial to the nearest Magistrate of the First Class, and may send the accused in custody or take sufficient security for his appearence before such Magistrate, and may bind over any person to appear and give evidence at such trial."

Seconded by Dr. Poonen.

Mr. Sesha Iyer said that the penal provision was unnecessary, as it was too much to expect from undischarged insolvents that they would go about telling persons, from whom they wished to obtain credit, that they were such insolvents. He said that the Section, as it stood, would equally apply to debtors, whom their creditors knew to be undischarged insolvents but who did not make the representation themselves, and that it was undesirable to make such omission penal. He therefore moved that the suggested provision be not inserted.

Seconded by Mr. Subba Iyer.

The amendment was put to the vote and lost.

Mr. Subba Iyer then moved that the Bill, as amended by the Council, be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Iyer.

Carried.

THE LAND ACQUISITION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer stated that, before the Bill was finally read and passed, it was necessary to insert, in Section 1, a date from which the proposed law should come into force, and he proposed that the words "1st Chingom 1090" be added between the words "the" and "corresponding" in line 5 and the words "17th August 1914" at the end of the Section.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Iyer then moved that the Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

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